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RT. HON. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, P.C., M.P.

After striving most valiantly and earnestly for peace, the Premier has risen to fresh heights as the leader of Britain at war. Although in 1939 he celebrated his seventieth birthday, increasing years have but added to his vigour and resolution.



Fox

RT. HON. WINSTON CHURCHILL, P.C., M.P.

For forty years the man who now chuckles over the epithet of "Nazi Enemy Number One" has been one of the most prominent and most discussed of British personalities. Today, as in 1914, he has his place at the head of the Board of Admiralty.



Keystone

RT. HON. LESLIE HORE-BELISHA, P.C., M.P.

Secretary of State for War from May 1937 until January 1940, during his period of office the British Army was transformed from a comparatively small establishment of volunteers into the huge force which embodies the cream of Britain's young manhood.



Howard Coster

RT. HON. VISCOUNT HALIFAX, P.C.

During five difficult years he acted most worthily as the King-Emperor's Viceroy in India, and since early in 1938 he has guided with the same high-minded purpose and inflexible determination the stream of British foreign policy.



Mayor of Vienna

RT. HON. ANTHONY EDEN, P.C., M.P.

Knowing war from actual service in the field—in the Great War he held a commission in the King's Royal Rifle Corps—the Dominions Secretary has been hailed for some years past as an outstanding champion of the principles embodied in the Covenant of the League of Nations.



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RT. HON. SIR KINGSLEY WOOD, P.C., M.P.

Dust has not settled on his laurels as Minister of Health, and today the enthusiasm which he once displayed over such things as drains and dusthins is directed towards the maintenance of Britain's superiority in the air.



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ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET LORD CHATFIELD, O.M.

He joined the Queen's Navy in the 1880's and during the Great War was Beatty's Flag Captain. Now, however, he has exchanged the quarter-deck for a desk in Whitehall, whence he directs the co-ordination of the fighting services.



Keystone

ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET SIR DUDLEY POUND

Britain's First Sea Lord fought at Jutland in command of H.M.S. Colossus, and was Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet during that difficult time of the wars in Abyssinia and Spain.



GENERAL VISCOUNT GORT, V.C.

In this war Britain's Expeditionary Force is commanded by a "front line soldier," for General Viscount Gort served throughout the last war as an officer in the Grenadier Guards. He won his V.C. for splendid bravery at Cambrai in September, 1918.



Topical

GENERAL SIR EDMUND IRONSIDE

Entering the Royal Artillery in 1899, he served on the Staff during the Great War, and in 1918 was Commander-in-Chief of the Allied troops engaged in the Archangel expedition. Now he holds the all-important military position of Chief of the Imperial General Staff.



Ellis & Fry

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR CYRIL NEWALL

Chief of the Air Staff since 1937, he joined the army in 1905, but during the Great War was attached to the Royal Flying Corps. In the early nineteen-thirties he commanded the Air Force in the Middle East, and received his Air Chief Marshal's baton in 1937.



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GEN. RT. HON. JAN CHRISTIAAN SMUTS, P.C.

Great Empire statesman, famous soldier (he fought against Britain in the Boer War and for the Commonwealth in the Great War), distinguished philosopher, a principal founder of the League of Nations—he is now for the second time Prime Minister of the South African Union.



Bassano

RT. HON. SIR NEVILLE HENDERSON, G.C.M.G.

St. Petersburg, Tokio, Rome, Paris, Constantinople, Cairo, Belgrade, Buenos Aires—to them all Diplomacy has called him. But never has he had a more difficult task than when in Berlin from 1937 to the outbreak of war he strove to convince the Nazis of Britain's earnestness.



Associated Press

REAR-ADMIRAL SIR HENRY HARWOOD

Commodore of the South American Division of the Royal Navy, he displayed the true Nelson touch when with his three light cruisers he engaged the German pocket battleship "Graf Spee." After the action he sent the message to his men, "Thank you, boys."



Keystone

M. EDOUARD DALADIER

Bourgeois of the bourgeois, for years past he has been a dominant figure in French politics. Premier in 1933, in 1934, and again in 1938, since the beginning of the war he has been also Foreign Minister. Like Clemenceau in the last war he embodies the French will to win.



GENERAL M. G. GAMELIN, G.C.V.O.

Generalissimo of the Allied Armies on the Western Front, he was first taken note of by History for his share in the direction of the Battle of the Marne. Later he saw service as a divisional general in the line and afterwards commanded in Syria.



Planet News

GENERAL A. J. GEORGES

After service in Algeria and Morocco he was badly wounded in the Great War and later served as Pétain's Chief of Staff in North Africa. He helped Maginot to draw up the plans for the famous Line, and now commands the French armies of the North-East.



E.N.A.

ADMIRAL J. F. DARLAN, G.C.V.O.

The Commander-in-Chief of the French Navy served throughout the Great War for the most part on land—in command of naval guns in France and Salonika. After the War he saw service in Chinese waters, and on the last day of 1936 was appointed Chief of the Naval Staff.



Planet News

GENERAL JOSEPH VUILLEMIN

One of France's pioneer airmen, he went into action with his squadron immediately on the outbreak of the Great War and achieved fame as an air ace. With him as Commander-in-Chief, the French Air Force may be expected to repeat the glories of 1914-1918.



Pland News

GENERAL WLADYSLAW SIKORSKI

Prime Minister and War Minister in the Polish Government in Exile and Commander-in-Chief of the new Polish army now coming into being in France, General Sikorski played a prominent part in the fight for his country's independence and was Prime Minister in 1923.